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SUBJECT: CCMS: APRIL 1973 PLENARY -- ADVANCED HEALTH CARE

1. SUMMARY: US DEL (EGEBERG) REPORTED ON PROGRESS IN THIS PILOT STUDY SINCE NOVEMBER PLENARY. CANADA AND UK REPORTED ON INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS THEY ARE LEADING AND EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR PILOT STUDY. PORTUGAL AND DENMARK ALSO COMMENTED FAVORABLY, WITH DANES ANNOUNCING INTENTION
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TO BECOME MORE ACTIVELY INVOLVED. DR. EGEERG OUT-
LINED IMPROVED PROSPECTS ON DRUG REHABILITATION
PROJECT AND LIKELIHOOD US MAY ORGANIZE SYMPOSIUM. HE
ALSO RECALLED EARLIER SOVIET INTEREST IN SUBSTANCE OF
CCMS HEALTH CARE WORK AND STATED IN HIS OPINION USSR
MIGHT ULTIMATELY DECIDE TO TAKE PART. END SUMMARY

2. US DEL (EGEERG) REVIEWED DEVELOPMENTS SINCE
NOVEMBER PLENARY WHEN HE HAD REPORTED ON MAJOR ORGAN-
IZATIONAL MEETING IN SAN FRANCISCO IN OCTOBER. HE
RECALLED BASIC PURPOSE FOR PILOT STUDY AS SEEKING TO
ENHANCE MODERN HEALTH CARE AND TO EXPEDITE ITS
DELIVERY BY EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF AVAILABLE
ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. THE SHORT- TERM OBJECTIVE IN
EACH PROJECT WOULD BE TO BRING TOGETHER EXPERTS ON
" SOFTWARE" SIDE OF SUBJECT WHO COULD DELINEATE BOTH
THE PROBLEMS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS, DRAWING ON THEIR
RESPECTIVE NATIONAL EXPERIENCE. THIS WOULD PRO-
VIDE BASIS FOR PRELIMINARY PROJECT REPORT UPON WHICH
ALL ALLIED AND OTHER PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WOULD BE
ASKED TO COMMENT. THE PRELIMINARY REPORT AND NATIONAL
COMMENTS WOULD THEN BE DRAWN UPON IN ORDER TO PRODUCE
A FINAL REPORT ESTABLISHING BASE CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES
FOR USE BY PLANNERS TO EVALUATE HEALTH CARE QUESTIONS IN
PARTICULAR SUBJECT AREA.

3. INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS WERE REPORTED ON AS FOLLOWS:

(A) SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES:
CANADIAN DEL (NIBLETT) STATED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO
SAN FRANCISCO MEETING CANADA HAD DISTRIBUTED WORKING
PAPERS AND QUESTIONNAIRE TO PROJECT PARTICIPANTS LOOK-
IN TOWARD CONVENING A FOLLOW- UP MEETING IN LISBON
WHICH HAD SINCE TAKEN PLACE, FEBRUARY 26-27. FIVE
ALLIED COUNTRIES HAD SENT DELEGATES, WHO WERE
JOINED FOR OCCASION BY 15 PORTUGUESE HEALTH EXPERTS.
EACH COUNTRY ATTENDING OFFERED A DETAILED REVIEW OF
ITS OWN ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES OF DOMESTIC HEALTH
SERVICES. THE DELEGATES ALSO MADE PRELIMINARY PLANS
FOR A DEMONSTRATION TOUR OF SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMS IN
OPERATION IN US AND CANADA, NOW TIMED FOR SEPTEMBER,
1973. THE TOUR IS PLANNED TO CONCLUDE WITH A PROJECT
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MEETING IN CANADA. CANADA WILL CIRCULATE A MORE

DETAILED REPORT ON THE LISBON MEETING SHORTLY AND EXPECTS TO HAVE ITS OVERALL PRELIMINARY PROJECT REPORT READY IN 3-6 MONTHS.

(B) AMBULATORY HEALTH SERVICES: US DEL (EGEBERG) REPORTED THAT EXPERTS FROM FIVE OF THE PARTICIPATING ALLIED COUNTRIES WILL MAKE A STUDY TOUR OF STIES IN THE UK, ITALY, FRANCE AND BELGIUM DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 12-27.

(C) EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS): US DEL (EGEBERG) REPORTED THAT EXPERTS FROM PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES HAVE JUST CONCLUDED A MEETING IN LISBON ON 15-17 MARCH WHERE PLANS WERE DISCUSSED FOR A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EMS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR NEXT SEPTEMBER IN EUROPE. DR. EGE BERG COMMENTED THAT A SPEEDIER TIMETABLE MIGHT BE MORE IN KEEPING WITH THE CCMS ACTION APPROACH.

(D) AUTOMATED CLINICAL LABORATORIES (ACL): UK DEL (CRANE) REPORTED THAT PLANS WERE UNDERWAY FOR PARTICIPATING NATIONAL EXPERTS TO HOLD A PROJECT MEETING IN EUROPE BY EARLY SUMMER.

(E) DRUG REHABILITATION: DR. EGE BERG DESCRIBED MID- WINTER VISIT TO EUROPEAN CAPITALS BY US EXPERT DR. NORMAN REYNOLDS. WHILE GRANTING SENSITIVITY OF SUBJECT FOR SOME ALLIED COUNTRIES, DR. EGE BERG REPORTED THAT REYNOLDS HAD FOUND CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN CAPITALS VISITED, AS WELL AS GROWING CONCERN ON THE PART OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS AT REALITY OF THEIR OWN DOMESTIC DRUG PROBLEM. AS A RESULT OF DR. REYNOLDS' CONTACTS, THE US WAS CONSIDERING ORGANIZING A SYMPOSIUM ON DRUG EPIDEMIOLOGY. IN SO DOING, CARE WOULD BE TAKEN NOT TO DETRACT FROM THE WORLD ROLE OF WHO BUT TO PROVIDE AN EXPEDITIOUS MEANS TO TAP INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE PROBLEM IN NATO COUNTRIES. THE US WILL COMMUNICATE WITH POTENTIALLY INTERESTED COUNTRIES REGARDING POSSIBILITY OF SUCH A MEETING.

4. PORTUGUESE DEL (MEIRA) DREW ATTENTION TO PROJECT MEETINGS IN LISBON NOTED ABOVE AND EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT
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FOR THE PILOT STUDY WHICH HE SAID WAS ALREADY ACHIEVING IMPORTANT RESULTS. DANISH DEL (BODENHAGEN) STATED THAT DANES FOUND PILOT STUDY MOST PROMISING AND WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING ACL PROJECT, IN WHICH THEY

HAVE NOW DECIDED TO PARTICIPATE, AND ORGANIZED AMBULATORY HEALTH SERVICES PROJECT WHICH THEY MAY BE ABLE TO JOIN. DANISH INTEREST IN ACL WAS NOTED BY UK DEL.

5. DR. EGEBERG INFORMED GROUP OF RECENT SUCCESSFUL MEETING WITH SOVIET EXPERTS UNDER US- SOVIET HEALTH BILATERAL. HE HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY SOVIETS' PRACTICAL APPROACH TO HEALTH PROBLEMS AND THEIR DETERMINATION TO COMMIT THEMSELVES ONLY TO UNDERTAKINGS LIKELY TO PRODUCE RESULTS. HE REMINDED ALLIED DELEGATES THAT SOVIETS HAD BEEN INVITED (PRIOR TO SAN FRANCISCO MEETING) TO PARTICIPATE IN CCMS HEALTH CARE WORK AND HAVE SHOWN GREAT INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM, COMMENTING THAT THEY MAY YET DECIDE FAVORABLY ON PARTICIPATION.
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